



Thomas A. Golden, Jr. City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager

FROM: Melissa Desroches, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

CC: Peter Crewe, Director of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

DATE: May 23, 2023

SUBJECT: MOTION RESPONSE - 02/14/2023- Councilors Robinson and Gitschier—Req. City Mgr. Work With The University And Lowell Youth Baseball and Softball League To Establish And Plan A Date For Tournament Utilizing LeLacheur Park

The City Manager's office and Cultural Affairs and Special Events ("CASE") has been working in conjunction with UMASS Lowell and the Lowell Youth Baseball and Softball League ("LYBSL") to determine a date to utilize LeLacheur Park for a Baseball/Softball tournament.

The sale of LeLacheur Park was finalized in April 2023, making UMASS Lowell the proprietor of the ballpark. Part of the sales agreement stipulates the City will be entitled to hold upwards to three special events at the ballpark each year. UMASS Lowell is currently working on maintenance projects at the park, which will carry throughout the summer of 2023. The goal is to launch a 2024 tournament in the newly renovated ballpark.

Recently, the City celebrated the unification of the city baseball and softball leagues by hosting an Opening Day parade and celebration at JFK Plaza. In the course of planning that event, the Manager's office is working closely with the LYBSL and UMASS Lowell to plan a tournament weekend at LeLacheur Park for the 2024 season.